

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 840

By Parkinson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ladia Yates for her exceptional achievements as a dancer of national merit.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to recognize those Tennesseans who have garnered accolades for their skills and abilities as dancers; and

WHEREAS, Ladia Yates is one such individual who is deserving of acclaim for her outstanding success as a dancer of national merit and her many appearances on televised competitions and in music videos by renowned artists; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yates's style was influenced during her time in Memphis, where she was first introduced to the local dance form "Jookin," and since then she has become CEO of LYE Dance Academy, where she shares her talents and serves as an inspiration for the next generation of dancers; and

WHEREAS, as a hallmark of her skill, Ladia Yates recently went up against Usher Raymond in a live dance performance on the *Today Show* in New York; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yates's success has even reached international proportions with her championship victory in a seven-girl hip hop battle in Paris, France; and

WHEREAS, Ladia Yates's television appearances include winning *106 & Park's* Wild-Out Wednesday dance competition; being featured on the *Today Show* with Usher, as well as *Black Girls Rock* with Ciara and Missy Elliott; acting as a judge on *Dance-Off Juniors*; performing with Janelle Monae on *Dancing With The Stars*; and making it to the Las Vegas finals while auditioning for *So You Think You Can Dance*; and

WHEREAS, she has also appeared in numerous music videos, including Janelle Monae's "Tight Rope"; E-40's "Function Remix" video featuring Chris Brown and French

Montana; Dirty Phonics's "Hustle Hard" video featuring Trinidad James; Sharaya J's "Banji" video; Baby Bash's "Go Girl" video featuring E-40; I Heart Memphis's "Hit The Quan" and "Lean and Dabb" videos; and MC Hammer's "2 Legit 2 Quit" video remake; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yates also developed choreography for Janelle Monae's "Tight Rope" music video, MC Hammer's "2 Legit 2 Quit" mayoral campaign performances, I Heart Memphis's "Hit The Quan" and "Lean and Dabb" music videos, and Tye Tribbet's "He Turned It" for the live Super Bowl Gospel; and

WHEREAS, Ladia Yates received VMA, Soul Train, and Grammy nominations for Janelle Monae's "Tight Rope" music video, and she was named Step x Step Best Female Dancer of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yates's teaching experience includes work as an industry choreographer, a workshop teacher, a private dance instructor, a master class teacher, and a dance team coach; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we honor Ladia Yates upon her many accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Ladia Yates upon her numerous successes as a choreographer, dancer, and entertainer and extend to her our warmest wishes for her continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.